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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES / March 7, 2019 at 7pm

Community Room posted 1:57pm on 4/20/2019

Members
Shaun Galliher
Viv Mason, Select Board
Bob Graves, Town Administrator
Mary Rice
Bill Pike
Bonnie Conner
Heather Brown
Chris Pike
Ray Bolduc
Dick Scialabba

Absent
Earl Peck
Dick Scialabba (by remote access)

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm.
A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the February 7, 2019 meeting as written. The motion passed by a roll call vote with three abstaining because they did not attend this meeting.

Chairman Galliher reminded everyone that the Saturday Budget Review Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 2019 and is to begin at 8:30 am.

Bob Graves reported on the Transfer Station issues. The estimate to cap it is about 550K, with possible savings on the material used. Irving Paper Mill could provide the material, but wants the Town to pick it up. Berkshire Engineering is looking into other ways to save money in the future. One option is to move it, possibly to the Peru site. We need to be looking for options that will save us money. Chairman Galliher and Bob Graves reminded the Committee of all the projects we are going to be financiallly responsible for in the future. We have the landfill recap, the water and sewer increases due to Pittfield upgrades to the system, and now the new WRHS. Affordability is a huge issue. We will review this at a future meeting.

The next meeting is Saturday March 9, 2019 at 8:30 am and the next regular meeting of this Committee is Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Community Room. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 7:23 pm. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary A. Rice, Secretary